

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A flexible floral sleeve for containing a pot or floral grouping, comprising:

a substantially flattened body having a first panel, a second panel, an upper end, a lower end having a bottom edge, a left side edge absent a gusset, a right side edge absent a gusset, and an inner retaining space, the substantially flattened body further comprising a lower portion and an upper portion which is detachable from the lower portion via a detaching element between the upper portion and lower portion, and wherein the upper portion which is detachable comprises both a portion of the first panel and a portion of the second panel, and wherein the left side edge and the right side edge are angled inwardly near the lower end to form a half hexagonal shape in the lower end of the substantially flattened body, and wherein the bottom edge of the lower end comprises a straight seal between the left side edge and the right side edge, the substantially flattened body absent a gusset in the lower end, and wherein the lower portion of the floral sleeve is completely tapered

between the half hexagonal shape in the lower end and the detaching element.

2. (Original) The floral sleeve of claim 1 wherein the upper portion has apertures therein for supporting the floral sleeve upon a wicket.
3. (Currently Amended) The floral sleeve of claim 1 wherein the upper portion is sized to surround and enclose a floral grouping disposed within the pot when the pot is contained within the floral sleeve.
4. (Original) The floral sleeve of claim 1 wherein the lower portion has a skirt portion therein.
5. (Original) The floral sleeve of claim 4 wherein when the upper portion is detached from the lower portion, the skirt portion is left with an upper edge having a non-linear pattern.
6. (Original) The floral sleeve of claim 5 wherein the non-linear pattern of the upper edge of the skirt portion has a pattern which is scalloped, inverted scalloped, wavy, curved, side-wave, zig-zag, toothed, rectangular or angular.

7. (Original) The floral sleeve of claim 1 wherein the detaching element is a line of perforations.

8. (Currently Amended) A flexible floral sleeve for containing a pot or floral grouping, comprising:

a substantially flattened body having a first panel, a second panel, an upper end, a lower end having a bottom edge, a left side edge absent a gusset, a right side edge absent a gusset, and an inner retaining space, the substantially flattened body further comprising a lower portion and an upper portion which is detachable from the lower portion via a detaching element between the upper portion and lower portion, and the lower portion comprising a skirt portion which is left with an upper edge when the upper portion is detached from the lower portion, the upper edge having an angular pattern, and wherein the upper portion which is detachable comprises both a portion of the first panel and a portion of the second panel, and wherein the left side edge and the right side edge are angled inwardly near the lower end to form a half hexagonal shape in the lower end of the substantially flattened body, and wherein the bottom edge of the lower end comprises a straight seal between the left side edge and the right side edge, the substantially

flattened body absent a gusset in the lower end, and wherein the lower portion of the floral sleeve is completely tapered between the half hexagonal shape in the lower end and the detaching element.

9. (Original) The floral sleeve of claim 8 wherein the upper portion has apertures therein for supporting the floral sleeve upon a wicket.

10. (Currently Amended) The floral sleeve of claim 8 wherein the upper portion is sized to surround and enclose a floral grouping disposed within the pot when the pot is contained within the floral sleeve.

11. (Original) The floral sleeve of claim 8 wherein the detaching element is a line of perforations.

12. (Currently Amended) A flexible floral sleeve for containing a pot or floral grouping, comprising:

a substantially flattened body having a first panel, a second panel, an upper end, a lower end having a bottom edge, a left side edge absent a gusset, a right side edge absent a gusset, and an inner retaining space, the substantially flattened body further comprising a lower portion and an upper portion which is detachable from the

lower portion via a detaching element between the upper portion and lower portion, and the lower portion comprising a skirt portion which is left with an upper edge when the upper portion is detached from the lower portion, the upper edge having a non-linear pattern, and wherein the upper portion which is detachable comprises both a portion of the first panel and a portion of the second panel, and wherein the left side edge and the right side edge are angled inwardly near the lower end to form a half hexagonal shape in the lower end of the substantially flattened body, and wherein the bottom edge of the lower end comprises a straight seal between the left side edge and the right side edge, the substantially flattened body absent a gusset in the lower end, and wherein the lower portion of the floral sleeve is completely tapered between the half hexagonal shape in the lower end and the detaching element.

13. (Original) The floral sleeve of claim 12 wherein the upper portion has apertures therein for supporting the floral sleeve upon a wicket.

14. (Currently Amended) The floral sleeve of claim 12 wherein the upper portion is sized to surround and enclose a floral grouping disposed within the pot when the pot is contained within the floral sleeve.

15. (Original) The floral sleeve of claim 12 wherein the detaching element is a line of perforations.
16. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 1 wherein the floral sleeve is assembled into a stack of floral sleeves.
17. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 1 having a drainage hole therein.
18. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 1 comprising multiple layers of material.
19. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 1 wherein the upper portion is constructed of a material which is different from the material used to construct the lower portion.
20. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 1 further comprising a bonding material for sealing the upper end of the floral sleeve.
21. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 1 comprising a bonding material disposed on an outer surface or inner surface of the floral sleeve.
22. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 1 further comprising a handle.

23. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 1 comprising an impermeable material.
24. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 1 constructed of a material selected from the group of untreated or treated paper, metal foil, polymeric film, non-polymeric film, woven or non-woven fabric, synthetic or natural fabric, cardboard, fiber, cloth, burlap, and laminations and combinations thereof.
25. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 1 comprising various coloring, coatings, flocking and/or metallic finishes, or other decorative surface ornamentation applied separately or simultaneously and characterized as totally or partially pearlescent, translucent, transparent, iridescent, neon, or the like, qualities, each occurring alone or in combination.
26. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 4 wherein the skirt portion extends straight from, outwardly, or inwardly from a base portion of the lower portion.
27. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 1 wherein the lower end is closed.
28. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 1 wherein the lower sleeve is completely or partially open.

29. (New) A plant package comprising the floral sleeve of claim 1 disposed about a potted plant or floral grouping.

30. (New) A flexible floral sleeve for containing a pot or floral grouping, comprising:

a substantially flattened body having a first panel, a second panel, an upper end, a lower end having a bottom edge, a left side edge absent a gusset, a right side edge absent a gusset, and an inner retaining space, and wherein the first panel and the second panel are connected at the lower end, the substantially flattened body further comprising a lower portion and an upper portion which is detachable from the lower portion via a detaching element between the upper portion and lower portion, and wherein the left side edge and the right side edge are angled inwardly near the lower end to form a half hexagonal shape in the lower end of the substantially flattened body, and wherein the bottom edge of the lower end comprises a straight seal between the left side edge and the right side edge, the substantially flattened body absent a gusset in the lower end, and wherein the lower portion of the floral sleeve is completely tapered between the half hexagonal shape in the lower end and the detaching element.

31. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 30 wherein the upper portion has apertures therein for supporting the floral sleeve upon a wicket.
32. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 30 wherein the upper portion is sized to surround and enclose a floral grouping disposed within pot contained within the floral sleeve.
33. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 30 wherein the lower portion has a skirt portion therein.
34. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 33 wherein when the upper portion is detached from the lower portion, the skirt portion is left with an upper edge having a non-linear pattern.
35. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 34 wherein the non-linear pattern of the upper edge of the skirt portion has a pattern which is scalloped, inverted scalloped, wavy, curved, side-wave, zig-zag, toothed, rectangular or angular.
36. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 30 wherein the detaching element is a line of perforations.

37. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 30 wherein the floral sleeve is assembled into a stack of floral sleeves.
38. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 30 having a drainage hole therein.
39. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 30 comprising multiple layers of material.
40. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 30 wherein the upper portion is constructed of a material which is different from the material used to construct the lower portion.
41. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 30 further comprising a bonding material for sealing the upper end of the floral sleeve.
42. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 30 comprising a bonding material disposed on an outer surface or inner surface of the floral sleeve.
43. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 30 further comprising a handle.
44. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 30 comprising an impermeable material.

45. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 30 constructed of a material selected from the group of untreated or treated paper, metal foil, polymeric film, non-polymeric film, woven or non-woven fabric, synthetic or natural fabric, cardboard, fiber, cloth, burlap, and laminations and combinations thereof.
46. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 30 comprising various coloring, coatings, flocking and/or metallic finishes, or other decorative surface ornamentation applied separately or simultaneously and characterized as totally or partially pearlescent, translucent, transparent, iridescent, neon, or the like, qualities, each occurring alone or in combination.
47. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 33 wherein the skirt portion extends straight from, outwardly, or inwardly from a base portion of the lower portion.
48. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 30 wherein the lower end is closed.
49. (New) A plant package comprising the floral sleeve of claim 30 disposed about a potted plant or floral grouping.

50. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 30 wherein the upper portion which is detachable comprises both a portion of the first panel and a portion of the second panel.

51. (New) A flexible floral sleeve for containing a pot or floral grouping, comprising:

a body having at least one of a substantially flattened condition and an opened condition and having a first panel, a second panel, an upper end, a lower end having a bottom edge, and an inner retaining space, and wherein the first panel and second panel are connected at the lower end, and wherein a left side edge and a right side edge of the body are angled inwardly near the lower end to form a half hexagonal shape in the lower end of the first panel and second panel of the body when in the substantially flattened condition, and wherein the bottom edge of the lower end comprises a straight seal between the left side edge and the right side edge, the body absent a gusset in the lower end when in the substantially flattened condition, and wherein a lower portion of the floral sleeve is at least partially tapered between the half hexagonal shape in the lower end and the upper end of the body.

52. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 51 having an upper portion which has apertures therein for supporting the floral sleeve upon a wicket.

53. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 51 having an upper portion which is sized to surround and enclose a floral grouping disposed within the pot when the pot is contained within the floral sleeve.

54. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 51 wherein the lower portion has a skirt portion therein.

55. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 51 wherein when an upper portion is detached from the lower portion, a skirt portion is left with an upper edge having a non-linear pattern.

56. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 55 wherein the non-linear pattern of the upper edge of the skirt portion has a pattern which is scalloped, inverted scalloped, wavy, curved, side-wave, zig-zag, toothed, rectangular or angular.

57. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 51 having a detaching element comprising a line of perforations for detaching an upper portion from the lower portion.

58. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 51 wherein the floral sleeve is assembled into a stack of floral sleeves.

59. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 51 having a drainage hole therein.

60. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 51 comprising multiple layers of material.

61. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 51 wherein the upper portion is constructed of a material which is different from the material used to construct the lower portion.

62. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 51 further comprising a bonding material for sealing the upper end of the floral sleeve.

63. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 51 comprising a bonding material disposed on an outer surface or inner surface of the floral sleeve.

64. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 51 further comprising a handle.

65. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 51 comprising an impermeable material.

66. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 51 constructed of a material selected from the group of untreated or treated paper, metal foil, polymeric film, non-polymeric film, woven or non-woven fabric, synthetic or natural fabric, cardboard, fiber, cloth, burlap, and laminations and combinations thereof.

67. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 51 comprising various coloring, coatings, flocking and/or metallic finishes, or other decorative surface ornamentation applied separately or simultaneously and characterized as totally or partially pearlescent, translucent, transparent, iridescent, neon, or the like, qualities, each occurring alone or in combination.

68. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 54 wherein the skirt portion extends straight from, outwardly, or inwardly from a base portion of the lower portion.

69. (New) The floral sleeve of claim 51 wherein the lower end is closed.

70. (New) A plant package comprising the floral sleeve of claim 51 disposed about a potted plant or floral grouping.